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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OCTOBER 14, 2011 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment and Reply (hereinafter referred to as "Reply") is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 14, 2011 in connection with the above-identified application. A response was originally due on January 14, 2012. A Request for Extension of Time (Three Months) accompanies this paper. Upon granting of the extension request, the new deadline for responding to the October 14, 2011 Office Action is Monday, April 16, 2012. Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed.

A Request for Continued Examination also accompanies this paper.